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## ABVP "Manthan" demands Central University for Isles, lambasts LG

PORT BLAIR, JAN 12: The Akhil Bhartiya Vidyarthi Parishad organized "Manthan"-The Educational Conclave of A&N Islands in the auditorium of TGCE, here, on 11 January, 2020. The chief guest of the program was T.N. Krishnamoorthy, Chief Engineer, ALHW. In his address, he spoke about higher education, particularly the way Universities are imparting education in India. He bemoaned that even after 7 decades of independence we are following the Macaulay's education policy with minor change and that's why the higher educational institutions are unable to produce graduates and postgraduates having Indian values and ethos. Earlier welcoming the gathering, the Guest of Honour, N.K. Udhaya Kumar, Chairman PBMC, supported the idea of Central university in these Islands and said that all PRIs are committed to provide quality education to youths of these Islands. He also expressed his concern about the proposed deemed University and rued the fact that none of the PRIs have been consulted about deemed university in these

Islands.

Dr.S.K.Jha, ABVP President said that there is an urgent need of Central University in these islands so that students can continue their higher studies.

Among others, Dr.S.Jayakumar, Principal, ANCOL, R. Rajsekar, Secretary ABVP, Sushri Sonia, City Joint Secretary were also present on the occasion.

During the 'Manthan', except representative of administration, all the members of the panel were of the opinion that the students of these Islands need quality education and for that no option will be better than a Central University. However, Dr. Utpal Sharma was of the opinion that without knowing the detail one should not criticize administration's effort. Sheela Singh, on the other hand, expressed her concern about the way administration is hiding such a crucial decision from public representatives. Someshwar Rao said that for these islands Central University will be better than the proposed Deemed University and he assured that all councilors will wholeheartedly support the issue. Meanwhile,

a question was raised by the audience whether vested interests of an individual or a group are behind proposal of opening a substandard university. The panel members from Student Council also raised concern about de-affiliation of DBRAIT from Pondicherry University and asked the administration to take immediate steps for fulfilling the deficiencies suggested by Pondicherry University. Omkar Parida, NEC Member, ABVP in his concluding remarks assured the gathering that ABVP will leave no stone unturned to bring a Central University in these Islands. He questioned LG's efficiency to represent interest of people of Andaman and Nicobar Islands to the Government of India. Parida criticized the Administrator for ignoring the interest of Islanders, particularly in field of education. The complete panel discussion was moderated by Sonia, City Joint Secretary and vote of thanks was proposed by R. Rajsekar, Secretary ABVP, A & N Islands. [https://ssl.gstatic.com/ui/v1/icons/mail/images/clear\\_dot.gif](https://ssl.gstatic.com/ui/v1/icons/mail/images/clear_dot.gif)